HOUSE BILL 1195 By Buck

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29, Chapter 13, Part 1, relative to compensation for criminal injuries.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-13-104, is amended by deleting subdivision (1)(B) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(B) The operator of the motor vehicle or watercraft directly causing the death or injury was operating the motor vehicle or watercraft in violation of § 55-10-401; provided, that no compensation shall be awarded for any personal injury or loss alleged to have been incurred as a result of the personal injury or death of a willing passenger in a motor vehicle or watercraft if such passenger knew the operator to be legally intoxicated;

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005, the public welfare requiring it.